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SUBJ: POSSIBLE VISIT OF SPEAKER ALBERT AND FEDERAL ASSEMBLY
PRESIDENT GLIGOROV

1. IN A CONVERSATION DURING A MEETING WITH VISITING CONGRESS-
MAN JOE SKUBITZ MAR 24, YUGOSLAV FEDERAL ASSEMBLY FOREIGN
POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MIHAJLO JAVORSKI REFERRED TO THE
LONG-OUTSTANDING INVITATION TO HOUSE SPEAKER ALBERT TO LEAD
A US CONGRESSIONAL DEL VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA AND EXPRESSED
HOPE THE SPEAKER COULD CONSIDER PLANNING THIS VISIT
IN THE NEAR FUTURE. (SKUBITZ SAID HE WOULD MENTION THIS TO THE
SPEAKER). JAVORSKI POINTED OUT THAT BILATERAL
RELATIONS IN THE LEGISLATIVE AREA CONTINUE BELOW THE LEVEL
OF RELATIONS IN OTHER AREAS.

2. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATIONS WITH CHARGE, JAVORSKI AND
FOREIGN POLICY COMMITTEE SECRETARY VLADETA ZUNIC MENTIONED
THAT FEDERAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT (AND LCY PRESIDUM MEMBER)
KIRO GLIGOROV WILL VISIT MEXICO AND OTHER LATIN AMERICAN
COUNTRIES IN LATE AUGUST OR SEPT. THE MANNER IN WHICH
ZUNIC RAISED THIS LEFT THE IMPRESSION THAT YUGOSLAVS WOULD
WELCOME INVITATION FOR VISIT TO US.

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3. YUGOSLAVS HAVE REMARKED KEEN DISAPPOINTMENT OVER CANCELLATION OF CODEL SPARKMAN/HUMPHREY, AND EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE EXCELLENT COMPLEMENT TO PROGRESS IN OTHER AREAS OF DEVELOPING RELATIONS IF WE COULD RESPOND ON ONE OR BOTH OF ABOVE.

4. DEPT MAY WISH TO CONSULT WITH SPEAKER ALBERT RE POSSIBLE TRAVEL SCHEDULE, KEEPING IN MIND THAT AUGUST IS VACATION MONTH FOR YUGOSLAVS AND JULY ALSO DIFFICULT FOR ANY VISITS HERE.

5. ALSO RECOMMEND DEPT EXPLORE POSSIBLTY OF INVITATION TO GLIGOROV TO INCLUDE WASHDC IN HIS WESTERN HEMISPHERE TRAVELS. INVITATION FROM CONGRESS MIGHT BE FACILITATED IF PROBLEM OF HOSTING COULD BE EASED IN PART BY DEPT OFFERING TO PROGRAM VISIT AND PROVIDE COURTESIES UNDER PARTIAL IVP GRANT (PER DIEM AND VIP TRANSPORTATION IN WASHDC). GLIGOROV, AS ONE OF THE HANDFUL OF MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY BOTH NOW AND IN THE FUTURE, CERTAINLY QUALIFIES FOR SUCH TREATMENT.
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